

In contrast, both the system and the method claimed (Claims 1 and 12 respectively) require both innovator attraction and developer attraction. Nakayama discusses innovation developers and development not at all, especially not in terms of developers that have stated requirements and resources for development. Nakayama discusses attracting innovators and developers to his system not at all. And Nakayama says nothing at all about matching innovators and developers within his system. Thus Nakayama neither anticipates nor renders obvious claims 1 or 12, and they are therefore believed to be allowable over the cited art. Reconsideration is therefore requested.

The Examiner acknowledges that Nakayama fails to disclose or suggest either innovator attraction or developer attraction. The Examiner relies instead on Nakayama's teaching of multiple modules in his system to handle different tasks, and argues that it would be obvious to "modify modules in the Nakayama in order to provide an information sharing system adapted to receive references' responses to the disclosed and upload information and generate evaluation for them by statistically processing the response in order to encourage disclosure of information and promote the utilization of disclosed information in the information sharing system."

Applicant respectfully submits that, even if this were true, this is not what is claimed by Applicant, and this sort of generalized promotion of utilization would constitute neither attraction as claimed, nor development as claimed. The limitations of the claim as written are entitled to weight and consideration, and may not be treated as if they were not there. There is therefore no combination of references, or a reference and the knowledge of those skilled in the art, upon which any of the claims can be read. Dependent claims are to read as incorporating all of the limitations of their base and intervening claims, and therefore are also allowable.

Applicant believes that he has responded fully to all of the concerns expressed by the Examiner in the Office Action, and respectfully requests that early favorable action be taken on

all claims pending in the application. If the Examiner has any further concerns, Applicant requests a call to Patrick Dwyer at (206) 343-7074.

Respectfully submitted,



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